



The REASONS of Henry Jones Esquire, For Building a Mould or Peere in Whitland Bay at the Lands End.

I. Within this Bay is a very good Road and good Soundings, which gradually go from the Channel, from Thirty Fathom to Three, within the Shelter of a Rock called *Cowloe*, which is about Five Acres, it bends naturally very well, and at a convenient distance from the Shoar, along which are lofty Hills, 'twixt this *Cowloe* and the Shoar, there is a Gap from whence the Mother Sea comes in, the Wind at W. S. West makes foul Weather, the Tide riseth Eighteen Foot, at Spring Tides the Gap is almost dry, and the Fishermen frequently wade over to the said *Cowloe*, but within Shelter of the said *Cowloe* and the Shoar, is about Four Fathom at low Water, with good Ground, and may contain above One Hundred Sail of Ships, our Fishermen in *Cornish* call it *Pullan da*, *Anglice*, a good Poole.

II. This place will need little or no Timber, there being abundance of the Best, and Largest loose Rocks or Moore Stones for building 'twixt *Cowloe* and the Shoar, which are about One Hundred Fathoms distant, as also for building any Fortification on the said *Cowloe*, the Charge of all which serviceable Work will (I presume) not exceed Thirty Thousand Pounds. And then Ships of great Burthen and Force may come in and go out with Safety.

III. Its Scituation will always render it very useful to this and all other Nations in Alliance with us, and consequently a Scourge to our Enemies, this being the only Place that divides the North and South Channels, and the best Place for large and good Anchorage 'twixt *Falmouth* and *Milford*, for Ships Anchoring in *Whitland Bay*, may in the worst of Weather get into the said Mould, or in half an hours time run into either Channel for Shelter, no other Place having the like Advantage.

IV. This Place will for the future prevent our Merchant Ships from being taken by our Enemies, as I frequently wrote the Lords of the Admiralty, they were during all the last War, this being a Place of Safety for them, and where our Cruisers of 'twixt Fifty and Sixty Guns may on all Occasions have recourse to, hence I gave the Lords of the Admiralty a List of a great many Ships retaken, and more preserved by a Fishing Boat, for which Service their Lordships ordered a Medal.

V. This Place is nighest convenient for supplying the Islands of *Scilly*, with all things necessary for Her Majesties Garrison there.

VI. Ships do with frequently Anchor in *Whitland Bay*, when they cannot reach any Port in *England* beside *Scilly* or *Milford*, or must go out of the said Ports.

VIII. At (and somewhat of) the *Lands End*, there are many Tin, Copper, Iron and other Miner Loads, all which have in or less in them, and whose Courses are S. E. and Nore West causes the Variations of the Comps accordingly, for as a Ship draws nigher the *Lands End*, their more to a Western Variation, which deceives the skilful Navigators by drawing them into the North Channel instead of the South, and to confirm the truth of this, our Fishermen at the *Lands End*, having most of them good Compasses, when first bought, by keeping them some small time in their House, become false and good for little, did they not give allowance for the same, and this also causeth Shipwracks in both Channels.

IX. 'Tis observable that when the Wind is East on Land, 'tis off the *Lands End* E. S. East in the South Channel, E. N. East in the North Channel, by which it often happens, Ships from the Northward, cannot so far weather the *Lands End* as to get into the South Channel, neither can those from South get into the North Channel, and on the Ninth of December 1693, by a Storm shifting from East to Westward, One Hundred Sail under Convoy of the *Prince of Orange* and *Quaker Ketch*, being off the *Lands End*, were (for want of Harbour in *Whitland Bay*) driven back into the North Channel, and above Seventy Saile of them wreckt, and I believe the Ships lost by Storms and taken by the Enemies during the last War (for want of such a Harbour) came little short in number with those lost on all the Coasts of *England* besides.

X. By all the above 'tis likewise further manifest, that even in times of Peace, there hath not, or can be secure Trading, 'twixt *St. Georges* and the *British Channel*, or any where to the Westward of the *Lands End*, without this proposed Mould, and that for want of it, there hath been, and may be more Ships lost yearly, (besides the Mens Lives) than three times the Value of what would erect the same.

XI. The Charges of building the said Mould, will be very small and easie to the Publick, but the Benefit greater than I can express, therefore shall refer my self to Mr. *Hauttecourt*, who together with Mr. *Tuttell* His Late Majesty's Hydrographer, did lately survey our Western Coasts, and approved of this Place, as the most convenient Receptacle for Shipping, being the in and outlet of the Kingdom, and opposite to *Brest*.

I heartily wish our Gracious Sovereign the Queen and Her Parliament would provide for the Improvement of this Place at the Lands End, would very much encrease our Strength and Riches, as it hath France and Holland, by the Improvement of their Harbours.

Reasons

For making a HARBOR in
Whitland Bay.
at the *Lands End.*